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AMERICAN RED CROSS ANNOUNCES SERVICE DELIVERY SITES

Hurricane victims able to receive financial assistance

BATON ROUGE, Louisiana (September 30, 2005) – The American Red Cross announced this morning that two service delivery sites are in place and ready to assist those affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Red Cross financial assistance is intended for emergency needs such as food, clothing and medications. These sites will remain open until the needs of the community have been met (at least 30 days). Site locations are as follows:

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| 1. The Bellemont Great Hall
7370 Airline Hwy.
Corner of Winborne & Airline Hwy.
Baton Rouge, Louisiana | 2. North Park Recreation Center
30372 Eden Church Road
Denham Springs, Louisiana
(This location is <u>not</u> open on Saturday, Oct. 1) |
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Residents in the following Louisiana parishes are eligible to register for Red Cross emergency financial assistance:

Assumption	Lafourche	St. Mary
Calcasieu	Orleans	St. Tammany
Cameron	Plaquemines	Washington
Jefferson Davis	St. Bernard	Tangipahoa
Iberia	St. Charles	Terrebonne
Jefferson	St. John the Baptist	Vermillion

Residents that live in the Baton Rouge region, which includes the 10 parishes listed below, may apply for Red Cross emergency financial assistance if they have sustained major damage to their home. Damage claims may be made at any Red Cross service delivery site; damage will be verified before financial assistance is rendered. The 10-parish Baton Rouge region includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Pointe Coupee, Livingston, St. Helena, St. James, West Baton Rouge, and West Feliciana parishes.

Financial assistance varies based on the family size, listed as follows:

One = \$360; Two = \$665; Three = \$965; Four = \$1265; Five = \$1565

Due to the large amount of clients requiring service, please be prepared for long lines, as the American Red Cross will serve many families as quickly as possible. Assistance will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. Numerous volunteers are prepared to assist thousands of families impacted by the recent storms. Proof of residency within an approved affected area must be provided before receiving assistance. Individuals who have already received financial assistance through the American Red Cross are not eligible for further assistance at this time.

About the American Red Cross:

American Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American people. You can help the victims of the recent hurricanes and thousands of other disasters across the country each year by making a financial gift to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, which enables the Red Cross to provide shelter, food, counseling and other assistance to those in need. Call 1-800-HELP NOW or 1-800-257-7575 (Spanish). Contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund may be sent to your local American Red Cross chapter or to the American Red Cross, P. O. Box 37243, Washington, DC 20013. Internet users can make a secure online contribution by visiting www.redcross.org. The American Red Cross honors donor intent. If you wish to designate your donation to a specific disaster, please do so at the time of your donation.

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